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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Fuerst, et al.

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: .

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee of the above application, filed herewith, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

On page 1, line 5 thereof, after "application is a" insert

--divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/542,634 filed October 13, 1995, now allowed; which--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 15-17 without prejudice.